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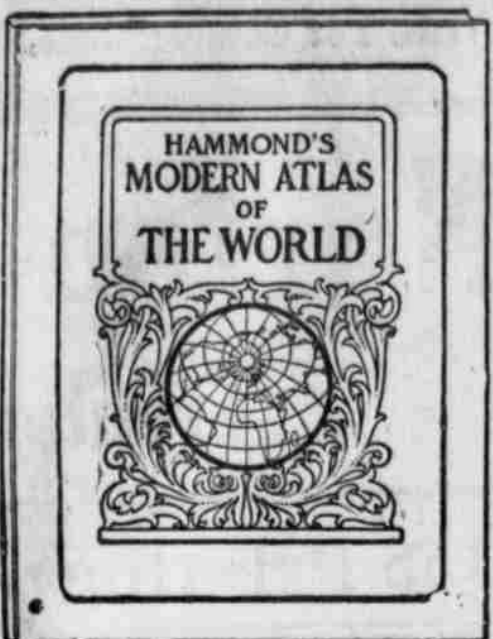
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GREAT WRITER A REAL BOY

Charles Dickens, Like the Average Youngster, Had His Dreams of Becoming a Pirate.

The English boys of years ago—there never was any doubt as to American boys of that or any other period before or after—had romantic ideas as to becoming ruthless robbers. And of pirates on the high seas is shown by a recently discovered speech made by Charles Dickens and reported in the London Times of April 13, 1864, from which the following quotation from the London Dickensian is taken: "Mr. Dickens said his first recollections of the northwest of London (this was in 1824, when he was twelve years old), were connected with a certain waste plot of ground used almost exclusively for beating carpets. The only ornaments of the locality, were a piece of stagnant water, a few straggling docks and some stunted greens. With it, however, was associated the romantic story of the 'Field of the Forty Footsteps,' according to which a duel had been fought there between two brothers, the forty dreadful paces over which the victor pursued his victim being marked by the withering up of the grass in forty distinct places. Dickens had often gone there, he said, accompanied by an adventurous young Englishman, aged eleven, with whom he had intended going to the Spanish Main as soon as ever they could amass sufficient wealth to buy a cutlass and a rifle."

The University of London afterward was erected on this site. Dickens as a boy in April, 1827, saw the cornerstone laid and "the ceremony of laying the first stone of a new and splendid public building" of which Mr. Pecksniff was the architect, as narrated in "Martin Chuzzlewit," was a reminiscence of this event.

WHITES POOR PEARL DIVERS

Tried in Australia, but All Engaged in the Business Are Either Dead or Paralyzed.

Efforts have recently been made to employ white men as pearl divers off the coast of Australia, and legislation for the purpose has been adopted, in order to more fully open that industry to Europeans.

But it now appears that the experiment has been by no means satisfactory. A very interesting statement on this subject has recently been made by Captain Talboys, who has had wide experience of pearling on the Australian coast. He says emphatically that white divers are an impossibility.

He had hoped that the white man would have proved a successful diver, but he says that, after a very lengthy experiment, the idea had been abandoned.

The divers, six or eight of them, who were brought to Australia by the master pearlymen, from Messrs. Siebe, Gorman & Co., and Messrs. Henkle & Co., submarine engineers, about two years ago, were all either dead or paralyzed.

In view of the further facts alleged, there appears to be no scope for white pearl divers in Australian waters. For, as the result of a year's diving, says Captain Talboys, the best returns of the white divers did not exceed a ton, whilst the average yield of an Asiatic's work was between four and five tons.

Besides, the Asiatic worked for \$10 to \$15 per month, plus a commission on the shell raised, while the white man received \$70 per month, with a similar commission, in addition to which the cost of keep for the white man was about three times that expended on the Asiatic.—Far East Tokio.

The Lover's Domain.

"You say," remarked the married man, "that all the world loves a lover. But where do you get that stuff? Poetry, eh? If it's poetry it must be true. A poet wouldn't lie."

"So, all the world loves a lover! There's the fellow who has to sit up to let the lover in when he comes home late. Then there are the people at the house who have to sit up until the lover goes home. There, also, are the people who can hear the lover talking through the wall—mumble, mumble, mumble! But that's all right. The fellow is a lover, and all the world loves him!"

"The clerk at the necktie store likes to sell ties to a lover. It's easy—selling ties to a lover. He takes only an hour to select one, and then he brings it back to change it. But the clerk doesn't mind so long as he's a lover."

"It is time for Mary, the nurse, to be getting back with the children. But Mary has a lover, which makes it all right. A doctor can save the baby if it catches cold."

The Jury.

The "gentlemen of the jury" are often accused of stupidity, but it is doubtful if a more pronounced case can be found than that which occurred in a remote town in Maine not long since.

The clerk of the court addressed the jury:

"Well, gentlemen of the jury, have you agreed upon a verdict?"

"We have," replied the foreman.

"What say you? Do you find the prisoner at the bar guilty, or not guilty?"

"We do."

"You do? Do what?"

"We find the prisoner at the bar guilty or not guilty."

"But, gentlemen, you must explain."

"You see, six of us finds him guilty, and six finds him not guilty."

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"Do you think the motor-car has come to stay?" asked one man of his neighbor. "Well," replied the other, "there was one out in front of my house the other day which I thought had; but they got a horse, after a while, and towed it home."

ROYAL MUMMIES IN MUSEUM

Once Mighty Kings and Queens of Egypt Now Merely the Subjects of Scientific Examination.

The mummies of some fifty kings and queens now lie side by side in the Cairo museum, a grim reminder of the unstable fabric of earthly glory, remarks the Dundee Advertiser. Professor Elliot Smith is not wholly unmindful of that earthly glory, nor of the violated sentiments involved in thus displaying and cataloguing these remnants of royal power. He reminds us that but for the museum authorities these mummies would have been destroyed by robbers, and as a slight return for the protection thus afforded he claims the right of a respectful scientific examination. Indeed, the examination has already been made. Many of the bodies have been carefully unwrapped and so we know for the first time that King Sagnounri, who reigned 2,000 B. C., was murdered, his "battered skull and wounded body" testifying eloquently to that fact. Doubtless the event made quite a stir in its day, but tariff discussion, prize fights and the like have driven it from the modern memory. We know now that Menephtha, the Pharaoh of the exodus, erroneously supposed to have been drowned in the Red sea, was a corpulent man, nearly bald, with a fringe of white hair over the temples.

MEAN THING



Mr. E. Blunt—Ah! out for a stroll?

Miss Paintedup—Yes; I walk a mile every morning for my complexion.

Mr. Blunt—Why don't you buy enough at one time to last you a week?

SCHOOL FOR ADULTS.

"People's high schools," as they are called, have been flourishing in Denmark for a long time. In that country there are 70 such schools, with 8,000 pupils, and one school at Askov, in South Jutland, has been in existence since 1863. One-tenth of the population of Denmark, it is estimated, has passed through these schools, which now are given small state subsidies, though there is no state interference with the institution. The schools are not technical or "practical." They seek only to develop minds on broadly cultural lines. There are no examinations for admission or for leaving; much of the instruction is given by lectures, and the teacher is given wide latitude.

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EVIDENCE OF EXPERTNESS.

"Does that young man understand music?"

"I think he must," replied the man who always gives the benefit. "Whenever he plays he sounds exactly like a piano tuner."

ALL OFF.

"What did father say when you asked him for my hand in marriage?"

"Not a word."

"He didn't?"

"No; your mother said it all."

NO FRAGMENTS FOR HER.

Heck—I suppose you broke the news to your wife.

Peck—I tried to, but she insisted on having the whole of it.

ITS SPECIALTY.

"There is one sort of game which is always plentiful."

"What is that?"

"Trouble, when one is hunting it."

REAL THING IN SETTLEMENT.

"What did the old man settle on the young couple when his daughter married?"

"Himself."

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